



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: Eric Belliveau, JoAnn Bodemer, Donald Boecke, Amy Boyd, Ian Finlayson, Betsy Glynn, Jonathan Goldberg, Craig Johnson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Jerrold Oppenheim, Alex Pollard, Matt Rusteika, Arah Schuur, Steve Venezia

Welcome and Introductions

Judson welcomed everyone at 2:40 PM and highlighted the agenda.

1. September 21st EEAC Meeting Agenda

Pollard previewed the proposed agenda for the September EEAC Meeting. He noted that the meeting would focus on innovation in the commercial and industrial (C&I) sector. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Informal Discussion

Pollard indicated that the informal session would be focused on LED streetlights and would consist of presentations by the consultant team (C-Team), program administrators (PAs), and the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), followed by an open discussion. He noted that the C-Team would be talking about LED streetlight technologies, maintenance, controls, and financial impacts of converting to LED streetlights. He indicated that the PAs would talk about the tariff and rate structure aspect of LED streetlights as well as a couple of case studies on recent work by Eversource and the Cape Light Compact (CLC). Lastly he noted that DOER would give a short overview on some of the things that they are working on related to LED streetlights.

2. Welcome and Public Comment

3. Council Updates and Business

Pollard noted that in addition to regular meeting minute approval, the C-Team would be giving an update on the 2013-2015 results.

4. C&I Introduction

Pollard noted that DOER would begin the discussion by setting the groundwork for why the theme for the meeting is innovation. He also noted that they would discuss some of the innovative programs that their office is currently and plans to be working on. Pollard also mentioned that there would be some overview of commercial property assessed clean energy (PACE)

5. Innovation in C&I Technologies

Pollard noted that this topic would consist of presentations from Rick Malmstrom and the C-Team, followed by discussion. He noted that Rick Malmstrom would be presenting on HVAC systems while the C-Team would be focused on HVAC controls, lighting, and system integration. He indicated that memos and presentations would be published to the Council website ahead of the meetings.

Glynn noted that she was pleased to see that there would be a presentation from a Councilor to the full Council. She indicated that the Council could really benefit from learning what expertise other Councilors have. Pollard noted that they are trying to engage Council experts to present more often when appropriate.

6. Break

7. Program Innovations in the C&I Sector

Pollard indicated that this topic would consist of two presentations from the PAs. He noted that the first presentation would be focused on the Massachusetts Technical Assessment Committee (MTAC). He indicated that this was a request of the Council and so this would be a way for the Council to hear about what it is, what it is doing, and how it is progressing. Pollard noted that the second presentation would be on the efforts that have been set up under the Innovation and Technology Subcommittee.

Glynn noted that it would be good to know which, if any, of the technologies being discussed during the meeting would also be useful for demand management. Pollard indicated that one of the upcoming full Council meetings would be focused on peak demand reduction and that that would be a good place to tie those things together. Judson noted that she agreed with Glynn that it would be a good idea to be actively thinking about where energy efficient technologies and peak demand reduction can be linked together.

Boyd commented that she was impressed by how much work had gone into setting up the next Council meeting. Schuur noted that there has been a lot of collaboration between DOER, the C-Team, and the PAs on putting together meeting agendas and presentations.

Malmstrom indicated that presenters should work on getting materials to the Councilors a week before the meeting so that they have ample time to review. He noted that he thought the group was getting better at that, but that it could still be better. Belliveau noted that they are indeed working towards that goal. Schuur noted that in an effort to meet that goal, the Executive Committee (ExCom) should strive towards also discussing the following month's full Council meeting agenda at ExCom meetings. Boyd agreed that that would be a good idea.

2. Update on Three-Year Term Report Filing

Judson asked Venezia and Lyne to give an update on the filing of the Three-Year Term Report at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Venezia noted that the report has been filed with the DPU and that the DPU has issued a notice for a public hearing but that the hearing is not scheduled until the end of October. He indicated that he had discussed with Lyne whether or not they expected anything remarkably different from previous filings given that it is the first time

they are filing a term report as opposed to an annual one. He noted that they are not anticipating that it would be remarkably different. He also noted that the template that the DPU developed for the report is very detailed and as a result there may be less of a need for discovery. He also noted that they expect that there will be evidentiary hearings but it is unclear if those will be short or lengthy at this time. Lyne added that there are some unknown elements because of the new reporting but that their long history of filing should keep the process similar.

Judson asked if they were reviewing anything other than the cost-effectiveness and the performance incentives. Lyne indicated that they will also look at some other metrics such as total costs. He also noted that they will occasionally give future reporting directives or request additional information.

Boyd noted that she thought that the Council should weigh in on the filing, especially since the public hearing is not until the end of October. Lyne indicated that something like that would be appreciated. Judson agreed that the Council should provide a letter. Schuur noted that they would draft a letter for the next ExCom meeting for the ExCom to review at which point they could bring it to the full Council for review and approval.

3. Other Discussion

Belliveau noted that it would be good to use the themed meetings as a building block for a more strategic process moving forward towards future plans. He also noted that they would like to think more about ways that themed meetings like C&I technology and peak demand reduction can be connected through retreats, webinars, memos, or something similar.

Belliveau also noted that with the new contract the C-Team would like to revisit their regular contact with the PAs. He indicated they would like to have more regular contact with the PAs' management committees and that he was working with the PAs on that and would report back to the ExCom when he had more to share.

Boyd indicated that she thought that that was a good idea. Judson thanked Belliveau for bringing this up and that she looks forward to hearing what comes out of the discussions.

4. Adjournment

Judson adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:25 PM.